

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for manufacturing an  $\alpha$ -dihydroxy derivative from an aryl allyl ether wherein such  $\alpha$ -dihydroxy derivative can be used to prepare an  $\alpha$ -halohydrin intermediate and an epoxy resin prepared therefrom including epoxidizing an  $\alpha$ -halohydrin intermediate produced from a halide substitution of an  $\alpha$ -dihydroxy derivative which has been obtained by a dihydroxylation reaction of an aryl allyl ether in the presence of an oxidant or in the presence of an oxidant and a catalyst.